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In reply to your letter of 25 January, we have put your name on a list for a possible mobilization assignment to the Central Intelligence Agency. At a later time, when things have "jelled" to a greater extent, I shall give you the exact dope.

Thanks for the information contained in your letter. We shall have one of our men contact you in Houston to find out whether you may have been able to get any more information about this project.

As regards the period of active duty training, in view of the work with which we are concerned, it is impossible for us to take on any reserve officers for short periods of peacetime training, principally, because of the security clearance problem. However, if you wish, you could probably be assigned for such peacetime training to the Office of Naval Intelligence.

With best wishes, believe me,

Sincerely,

Signed & dispatched 1/25/49

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R. H. Hillenkoetter
Rear Admiral, USN
Director of Central
Intelligence

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1 cc - Asst Director, Operations - w/basic letter, 1/25 from [redacted]

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January 26, 1949

Rear Admiral R. H. Hillenkoetter
The Central Intelligence Agency
U. S. Government
Washington, D. C.

Dear Admiral Hillenkoetter:

For some time, I have thought of writing you a letter concerning your work and what might be in the offering for reserve naval officers such as myself. As you will recall, I was attached to the staff of Com-NAV-EU and the Naval Attaché for Air in London working on Technical and Air Craft Armament Intelligence there for not only Great Britain but the various European countries. Now that I have returned to civilian life and am back with the oil company, I feel that if you have an opening for a reserve naval officer I would like to be associated with your group so that, in the event of another emergency, I might come into your phase of operations. Along this line, I have kept and shall keep in touch with the various armament manufacturers throughout Europe. Although my present motive is purely one of friendship, in the case of another emergency it might be a worth-while source of information to our government. Each year, the Navy is asking that men in my category return for at least two weeks or more of active duty training. If such were possible to spend this time in some phase of your organization I would greatly appreciate doing so.

Recently I have heard from one of my former sources of vital information, and I pass this on to you for whatever value that you may wish to make of it. The man's name and address is [redacted]

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[redacted] is a rather exceptional person and has been very closely associated and allied with the various armament firms in [redacted]

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In his note

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[redacted] which was written the 20th of December, he stated that he had returned to [redacted] after being abroad for a long time and is recovering at the above address from a rather prolonged sickness. He stated that he had much to add to what information that we had previously discussed and hoped that he would be seeing me soon in [redacted]. Although I have sent him notes and letters for the past year, this is the first answer which I have received from any letter since December, 1947. I am informing Commodore Tully Shelley

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concerning [redacted] so that he may take action on the case if such is possible.

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I realize that this may be a wild goose chase, but if one of your agents in [redacted] might call on him, he might be able to shed considerable light on the present and coming armament program of our Russian friends.

If Mrs. Hillenkoetter and you come to the southwest, Polly and I will be most happy to have you pay us a visit. In the meantime, with kindest regards to you from the two of us,

Sincerely yours,

/s/

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THJ:jb